

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A delivery system for delivering a plurality of contents, comprising:

a center system configured to deliver the plurality of contents;

a plurality of terminal ~~systems~~ apparatuses configured to receive the plurality of contents from the center system and to display the plurality of contents; and

communication lines connecting said center system to said plurality of terminal ~~systems~~ apparatuses and configured to transmit the plurality of contents,

wherein said center system comprises:

a delivery-schedule setting unit configured to set a schedule of delivery of the plurality of contents;

a content-delivery unit configured to identify the contents to be delivered to ~~[[a]]~~ one of the terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses based on attribute information indicative of at least one characteristic of the one of the terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses and to deliver the contents to the one of the terminal ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses,

wherein the one of the terminal apparatuses sends the center system a picture of a screen of said the one of the terminal apparatuses on which the contents received from the center system is displayed; and

a remote monitoring unit configured to determine based on the received picture of the screen of said one of the terminal apparatuses whether any of the plurality of contents are displayed on the ~~terminal apparatus~~ screen of said the one of the terminal apparatuses.

Claims 2-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The delivery system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an output schedule setting unit configured to set an output schedule as the attribute information of the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses, said output schedule defining a schedule according to which the contents to be delivered to and stored at the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses are displayed at the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses, and wherein the output schedule set by the output schedule setting unit is transmitted to the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The delivery system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the delivery schedule setting unit is configured to set a delivery schedule as the attribute information of the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses, said delivery schedule defining a schedule according to which contents are delivered during a low utilization period in which a utilization of the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses drops below a predetermined level.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The delivery system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the delivery schedule setting unit derives the utilization of the one of terminal apparatus apparatuses based on a preset output schedule.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The delivery system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the delivery schedule setting unit includes a delivery scheduling function to control the delivery of the contents identified for the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses based on the delivery schedule already set for the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses and the output schedule already transmitted to the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The delivery system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the delivery schedule setting unit is provided with a function to modify a currently effective delivery schedule, and wherein when the delivery schedule is to be newly set for the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses to deliver new contents to the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses, said function derives an available time according to the output schedule and the delivery schedule and a time required to deliver the contents based on the output schedule and delivery schedule currently set for the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses and the low utilization period of the one of the terminal apparatus apparatuses.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A contents delivery method for delivering contents to be stored and displayed at a terminal apparatus that is connected thereto via a network, comprising:

causing a contents storing unit to store contents to be delivered to the terminal apparatus;

causing an attribute information storing unit to store attribute information indicative of at least one characteristic of the terminal apparatus on a terminal-apparatus-specific basis;

identifying the contents to be delivered to the terminal apparatus among the contents stored in the contents storing unit based on the attribute information of the terminal apparatus;

retrieving the identified contents from the contents storing unit for delivery to the terminal apparatus;[[,]]

delivering the identified contents to the terminal apparatus;

receiving a picture of a screen of said terminal apparatus on which the contents is displayed; and

determining, ~~from a source of the plurality of contents based on the received picture~~ of the screen of said terminal apparatus, whether any of the plurality of contents are displayed on the terminal apparatus.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The contents delivery method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

setting an output schedule as the attribute information of the terminal apparatus, said output schedule defining a schedule according to which the contents to be delivered to and stored at the terminal apparatus are displayed at the terminal apparatus; and
transmitting the output schedule to the terminal apparatus.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The contents delivery method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising setting a delivery schedule as the attribute information of the terminal apparatus, said delivery schedule defining a schedule according to which contents are delivered during a low utilization period in which a utilization of the terminal apparatus drops below a predetermined level.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The contents delivery method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the utilization of the terminal apparatus is derived based on a preset output schedule.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The contents delivery method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the delivery of the contents identified for the terminal apparatus is controlled by referring to the delivery schedule set for the terminal apparatus.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The contents delivery method as claimed in claim 15, wherein when the delivery schedule is to be newly set for the terminal apparatus, a currently effective delivery schedule is modified by deriving an available time according to the output schedule and the delivery schedule and a time required to deliver the contents based on the output schedule and delivery schedule currently set for the terminal apparatus and the low utilization period of the terminal apparatus.

19 (New). The delivery system of claim 8, wherein the output schedule transmitted to the one of the terminal apparatuses includes a date and time for display of the contents on the screen of the one of the terminal apparatuses.

20 (New). The method of claim 14, wherein the output schedule transmitted to the terminal apparatus includes a date and time for display of the contents on the screen of the terminal apparatus.